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Baptists' Biggest Week Begins Next Monday

The biggest week of the year for Mississippi Baptists will be observed next week, Nov. 13-16, when the annual State Convention and several related meetings will be held in the Capital City.

The one hundred thirty - seventh

session of the convention will begin Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock in the First Baptist Church and come to a close Thursday night with a huge youth session in the Mississippi Coliseum.

Rev. Richard Hogue, 26 - year - old

youth evangelist from Houston, Tex., will be the principal youth session speaker.

Two important related meetings will be held on Monday prior to the Convention opening Tuesday morning. The State Convention Board will

meet during the afternoon at the Baptist Building and the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference will be held at the First Baptist Church.

The Conference will begin at 2:30 o'clock and close that evening following an inspirational address by Dr. Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

At 5:30 p.m. the annual Brotherhood banquet will be held in Fellowship Hall at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson. The principal program personality will be John Laughlin, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Meridian, known on occasions of this kind as "Big John, the Cajun." He will provide fun and entertainment.

All convention sessions will be held in the church except the closing annual Youth Night session on Thursday in the Coliseum.

Dr. Gordon Clinard, professor of Bible at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, will lead Bible study at each session in the church.

Out-of-state featured inspirational speakers will be Dr. Millard J. Bergquist, interim president of Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Drew J. Gunnells, Jr., pastor of Eastern Hills Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.; Dr. Armando Silverio, pastor of Rolling Hills Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, and Southern Baptist missionary in the area; Dr. Carl E. Bates, pastor

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The beautiful sanctuary of Jackson's First Baptist Church where the State Convention will meet next week.

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Coalition Hits Tax Credit Aid For Parochial Schools

By W. Barry Garrett

NEW YORK (BP)—Twenty national religious, educational, labor and civil liberties organizations in a joint statement condemned proposals for tax credits for tuition payments in church-related private schools.

The group, which included James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, also criticized both President Richard Nixon and Senator George McGovern for endorsing the scheme

to give federal aid to the nation's parochial schools.

The statement, issued prior to the November 7 election, was the first act of a developing national coalition

SBC STARTS NEW FISCAL YEAR WITH BIG INCREASE IN GIVING

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention began a new fiscal year in October with a big increase in contributions through the denomination's unified budget, the Cooperative Program. For the month of October, gifts through the Cooperative Program totaled \$2,715,055, an increase of \$217,413 or 8.7 percent over gifts for the same month in 1971. SBC officials here said they were greatly encouraged by the way Southern Baptists were starting the year. It was the first month of a new fiscal year running from October 1 through September 30, 1973.

In addition to the \$2.7 million contributed through the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists gave \$342,393 during the month to specific, designated mission causes. The designated gifts accounted for an even bigger percentage increase. Compared to designated gifts of October, 1971, designations for the same month this year were up \$127,837 or 59.5 percent.

Grand total gifts, including both Cooperative Program and designated contributions, reached \$3,057,448, an increase of \$345,250, or 12.7 percent over gifts for the same period in 1971.



Robert Seates
Memphis

Raymond Conner
Nashville

Eldon Sparrow
Fort Worth

'Spiritual Ministry' Workshop Set For Columbia Nov. 10

A "Spiritual Ministry" Workshop will be held at the Columbia Training School in Columbia Nov. 10, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, sponsoring agency.

The principal out-of-state program personality will be Chaplain Alfred C. Hart, assistant director, Division of Chaplaincy, (institutional), Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Others who will be on program will include Jimmy R. Russell, director of the school; Robby Robinson, counselor with the City Youth Court, Jackson; Chaplain Ray Bell of the school; Dr. T. B. Brown, president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson, and Rev. George Lee, Columbia, tri-county Baptist superintendent of missions.

The workshop will begin at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Rogers, who will preside, said that pastors and other church and re-

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John H. Williams
Nashville

Dr. Darold Morgan
Dallas

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Former State Man, Now With BSSB, Is Hijacked To Cuba

NASHVILLE (BP)—Dennis Conniff, a consultant in youth work for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here who was aboard an Eastern Air Lines jet hijacked from Houston to Cuba, admitted afterwards that "I was scared to death."

"It was more than a hijacking, it was a terrorist action," said Conniff, one of 40 passengers aboard the flight scheduled from Houston to Miami.

Mr. Conniff is the son of Rev. Dennis Conniff, associate in the State Baptist Sunday School Department, Jackson, and Mrs. Conniff.

Four armed hijackers, including a father and son wanted on bank rob-

bery and murder charges, forced the plane to go to Cuba, killing one Eastern Air Lines agent and wounding another in Houston.

Conniff was asleep at the time. But he had a rude awakening.

"I was awakened by a shotgun in my stomach, held by the leader of the group," Conniff related. "He frisked me with one hand while holding the shotgun with the other."

"Quite a few of the passengers were harassed, but none were hurt," he added.

Admitting that he was "scared to death," Conniff confided that "I think

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In photo at left several leaders at the State Baptist Student Convention in Gulfport last week have a few minutes of fellowship before the meeting opens. From left: Rev. J. W. Brister, Gulfport, chairman of home entertainment; Dr. Gail DeBord, Long Beach, conference leader; Miss Merrie Coburn, University Medical Center, president; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, state Baptist student director.

tor; Dr. Jerry Oswalt, Hattiesburg, State Student Director-Representative. In second photo Dr. John Newport, Fort Worth, speaker, is greeted by two friends in the persons of twins from Blue Mountain College, Sheila (left) and Shirley Siler. In third photo Jerry Jones, Atlanta, song leader, is seen directing some spirited singing. Fourth photo shows a section of a large Bible study

group being led by Rev. George Haile, of Lafayette, La. There were 10 such simultaneous groups. In last photo is seen the Carey College BSU choir under direction of Dr. James Downey, professor of music, rendering special music Friday night.

Students Set Mission Goal, Hear Speakers

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hunger of youth for deep-seated personal religion.

"Man's greatest problem is not ignorance, but rebellion against God."

"The Kingdom of God is a present, personal power and reality."

Rev. Perry R. Sanders, of Lafayette, La., told the convention Saturday night "that the 20th Century church must recover the offensive possessed by the church of Century One."

Mr. Sanders, speaking on the subject of "Shattering the Gates of Hell," continuing, said:

"They were accused of 'turning the world upside down.' Nobody could legitimately accuse us of such a modus operandi."

"We are not supposed to be keepers of the fort — we are to be shatters of the gates of Hell."

"We are comfortably ensconced in our familiar and secure surroundings."

"We ought to be out where hell and sin are applying the 'gate shattering' power of a church built squarely on the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

The convention, which began Friday evening, closed at 10:15 o'clock Sunday morning following a message by Dr. George Haile, pastor of University Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La. His subject was "My Personal Response to the Lordship of Christ."

The \$15,000 goal for student missions work for 1972-73 includes the sending of 31 missionaries to three areas — foreign, home and state.

Foreign mission points will be Bangladesh, Israel, Indonesia, Bahamas and Zambia, with many areas of the United States included in home mission work.

The missionaries will carry out various types of ministries, including evangelism, church construction, nursing, juvenile and others.

David Langerfeld, of Mississippi State, is chairman of the Student Missions Committee.

The missions program is an "over-and-above" project maintained by the students themselves, according to Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

Saturday's features included conferences, Bible study, reports of 1971-72 missionaries, campus altars, worship, special music, granting of mission awards, and fellowship.

In pointing to this year's convention, Mr. Winders said that "this year

"JOT" episodes teach children lessons in living, encouraging truthfulness, obedience, responsibility, and an awareness of God's presence. NEWSWEEK Magazine acclaimed "JOT" as "the first genuinely entertaining and effective use of television for preaching morality to pre-teen children."

Bible School Of Air To Be Heard In Portugal

The Bible School of the Air, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has been requested by TransWorld Radio to broadcast a program directly to Portugal. Recently this school recorded 48 programs at Bonaire (Brazil).

The director of the Bible School of the air, Rev. David Gomes, reports, "The program for Portugal will be the re-edition of our program from Bonaire, but to Portugal, direct. The cost will be \$50 per program. Too much for us, not for God."

Pastor Gomes, who is also pastor of the Church of Hope in downtown Rio, recently received three messages in three days concerning people finding Christ through hearing the Bible School of the Air; one message reported 38 won to Christ, and another 19 people. Gomes says, "We need somebody full time just to deal with such people to assure their complete entrance into the Kingdom."

While visiting in Mississippi this summer, Mr. Gomes preached at First Church, Clinton, and at Westview Church, Jackson.

His address is Escola Biblica do Ar, Caixa Postal, 800-ZC-00, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Proposed Constitutional Change

From the Minutes of the 1971 Mississippi Baptist Convention as printed in the Convention Annual, 1971:

(23) Bruce Aultman, Hattiesburg, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, brought the following recommendations:

There shall be added to Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution the following language:

"Officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year, or until their successors in office shall have been elected and installed. At the end of the year of service as First Vice President, and upon vote of the Convention, the First Vice President shall, if so elected by the Convention, succeed to and become President of the Convention for the ensuing year, so that, subject to vote of the Convention, the person elected as President of the Convention would be the person who, during the preceding year, served as First Vice President."

The word "Memorial" shall be deleted from line 4 of Article V of The Plan of Organization and Action as it appears on page 13 of the 1970 Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual, leaving the name "Clarke College."

The wording "School of Nursing" appearing in line 5 of Article V of the Plan of Organization and Action on page 13 of the 1970 Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual shall be deleted and the wording "School of Allied Health Programs" shall be inserted at that point.

The word "dormitory" in the By-Laws section on The Education Commission shall be changed to "housing facilities."

(It was later discovered that this was not in the By-Laws but was in an action of the 1965 Convention. Action was taken by motion later as recorded in Item (47) of these minutes.)

By Constitutional provision, recommendations to amend the Constitution and Plan of Organization and Action were referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to be brought to the 1972 Convention.

Lee Porter Named To SBC Christian Life Commission

NASHVILLE (BP)—Lee Porter of Houston, former two-time vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been named director of organization for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Porter, 43, is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bellmead, a suburb of Houston. He assumes the position here effective Nov. 15.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the commission, said Porter will work in a liaison capacity with program leaders of other SBC agencies in emphasizing applied Christianity. He also will be responsible for organizational arrangements of the commission's conference program, Valentine said.

Valentine added that Porter "comes to this position with unique qualifications of Christian commitment, social concern, moral convictions, special graduate training in Christian ethics, denominational leadership and pastoral experiences of 25 years."

Porter served as second and then first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, from 1968-70.

He holds the doctor of theology degree in Christian ethics from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, as well as the bachelor of divinity degree.

At present, he is a member of the committee on order of business for Southern Baptist Convention.

Porter succeeds W. L. Howse III as the commissioner's director of organization. Howse resigned last year to become director of the alcohol and drug abuse program for the Mental Health Department of the State of Tennessee.



Mission Superintendents Meet

Associational superintendents of missions from every section of the state were present for the Associational Leadership Strategy Planning Meeting held Oct. 31-Nov. 2, at Camp Garaway, sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director. Several present were, Rev. Kermit Sharp, superintendent for Kemper-Neshoba counties; Rev. George Lee, superintendent for Lawrence, Marion and Walthall counties; Dr. Rogers; J. N. Evans, region No. 2 coordinator, and Larry Bryson, assistant director, Rural-Urban Missions, both of Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Coalition Hits Tax Aid For Parochial Schools

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be the same as other forms of governmental aid that have been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

"For more than a hundred years, indeed until very recently," the statement continued, "it has been taken for granted that the separation principle, embodied in the First Amendment, prohibits government financing of church schools.

"Under that interpretation of the First Amendment, and of similar provisions in virtually every state constitution, both religion and government have enjoyed a freedom in this country unparalleled elsewhere. That freedom would be seriously impaired by the enactment of tax credit legislation."

The statement further declared that both President Nixon and Senator McGovern have misjudged the climate of public opinion on public aid to parochial schools. It charged that the proposals are projected on the false ground that the only way to save private schools is by massive governmental assistance.

The consortium opposed the "diversion of federal financing to sectarian schools through tax credits" as a move to "gravely impair national efforts to end racial segregation in our educational system."

Organizations signing the statement are: American Civil Liberties Union, American Ethical Union, American

Federation of Teachers, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, American Humanist Association, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Americans United for Separation of Church and State,

Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty, Jewish Labor Committee, National Association of (Catholic) Laity, American Association of School Administrators, National Council of Jewish Women, National Education Association, National School Boards Association, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Unitarian-Universalist Association, United Methodist Church, Board of Church and Society and United Synagogue of America.

Previously, he was pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, Hebron, Tex., and associate pastor of Crown Heights Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

A native of Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southwestern Seminary, where he earned the doctor of theology degree in 1959. He has done additional graduate study and post doctoral research at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, and Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

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Conniff had attended a meeting in Kansas at the state convention offices during the preceding week and was enroute to Miami to be on a program with Miss America.

Although he failed to arrive in time for the Sunday morning program with Miss America, he was able to meet with youth leaders of the church where he had been scheduled to appear. It was after 1:00 p.m. Sunday before the plane was able to leave Cuba.

Conniff went on to Dothan, Ala., to resume his business schedule after what he called the most unusual weekend of his life.

Although he is the first Sunday School Board worker on a hijacked plane, he is not the first Southern Baptist official. In 1968, Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, was on a plane hijacked from Miami while enroute to attend a meeting of seminary presidents.

During the past year, about 250 Sunday School Board employees were on 3,600 airline flights without incident. Conniff is the only one to be aboard a hijacked plane.

Keep on going and the chances are you will stumble on something, perhaps when you least expect it. I have never heard of anyone stumbling on something sitting down. — Charles F. Kettering

The fellow who boasts of his open mind may only have it vacant.

Ferguson New President Of Midwestern Seminary

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Millard Ferguson, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, has been elected the second president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Ferguson, 44, was named to the position by unanimous vote of the board of trustees, meeting in a called session here Nov. 3, according to Carlos B. Bradley, chairman of the

Ferguson board of trustees and head of the Kansas City Terminal Elevator Co. here.

He will succeed Millard J. Berquist, who has served as president of the seminary since it opened in 1958. Berquist had planned to retire July 31, 1972, but agreed to remain as president until his successor could take office.

Ferguson will assume the position "as soon as possible, or not later than Feb. 1, 1973," said Bradley. The trustees chairman said there was a tremendous spirit of support among the trustees in the selection of Ferguson as president.

In accepting the position, Ferguson told the trustees: "I am excited about the future of Midwestern Seminary and its ministry in providing leadership for Southern Baptist churches."

Ferguson has been professor of Christian philosophy at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth since 1965, and a member of the faculty at Southwestern since 1956 when he became instructor in theology. In 1959 he was promoted to associate professor, and in 1965 to full professor.

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He directed the faculty self studies at Southwestern Seminary as part of the accreditation procedures for both the American Association of Theological Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He has also been chairman, vice chairman or secretary of 17 different continuing committees on the seminary faculty.

Ferguson has received research grants from the Rockefeller Foundation's Seafarers Fund, and was a fellow of the American Association of Theological Schools, and post-graduate research fellow at Yale University. In 1964-65, he was listed in Outstanding Young Men of America.

Conniff Back Home After Suffering Mild 'Angina' Attack

Rev. Dennis Conniff, associate in the State Baptist Sunday School Department, is back at home and also at work on a limited schedule, following an "angina" attack last week.

He was admitted to Baptist Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 1, and was released to go home Sunday, Nov. 5.

At press time this week he was improving and was scheduled to resume his work on Wednesday of this week, on a limited basis, to be increased gradually until his full program of work is resumed.

Spiritual Ministry --

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religious leaders of any denomination in the state would be welcome to attend the meeting.

The program will include messages, question-answer periods, a tour of the facilities, general discussion, and a worship service.

The evening service, to begin at 6:30 o'clock, will feature the worship service under direction of Dr. Brown, and involve the young people at the institution.

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Carey Alumni Invited To Breakfast Honoring "First Lady" Of The SBC

The "First Lady" of Southern Baptist, Mrs. Owen P. Cooper of Yazoo City, will be honored at a breakfast on Nov. 15, in Jackson by the alumni of William Carey College. The occasion will take place at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning, November 15, during the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson. Mrs. Cooper is the wife of Owen P. Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and she is an active member of the William Carey College Board of Trustees.

All William Carey College students who will be attending the annual convention are invited to attend the breakfast which will be held in the Youth Center of Jackson's First Baptist Church, the convention headquarters. Those alumni who are serving as Mississippi pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music, youth directors, or in other denominational positions are urged to make plans to attend

the breakfast. Reservations may be made by phoning or writing to the Office of Alumni Affairs at William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

"We are proud and delighted," commented Carey Alumni president, Rev. Nathan Barber, pastor of Calvary Church, O'Klock Grove, "that Mrs. Cooper is affiliated so closely with William Carey College during this significant time in her life. We want to show our love and appreciation for her in her role as wife to our denomination's number one leader. All former Carey College students who plan to attend the annual convention in Jackson, Nov. 14-16, are urged to make plans to attend the special breakfast on Wednesday, November 15, honoring Mrs. Cooper."

Reservations must be made in advance so that plans can be made to accommodate those desiring to attend, commented the Alumni Office. Husbands and wives of alumni are also invited.

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of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

Other out-of-state personalities to appear will include Raymond Conner, Secretary of the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; John H. Williams, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville; Dr. Harold H. Morgan, president and chief executive of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas; J. Edward Cunningham of the American Bible Society, New York; Robert F. Seates, vice-president of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, and Eldon Sparrow, of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Tex.

Convention music will be under direction of Jamall Badry of Oklahoma City.

The opening Tuesday morning session will be one of the highlights with Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, layman, convention president, scheduled to be in the chair.

Mr. Perry will bring the keynote address to be followed by the worship period.

This will include special music by the Blue Mountain College choir, scripture reading and prayer by Dr. John Cobb, pastor of First Baptist Church, Inverness, and the Convention sermon by Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale.

New workers in the state will also be introduced at the opening session as well as the receiving of a report of the Order of Business Committee.

Dr. Larry Rohrman, host pastor, will welcome the messengers.

A business period, including presentation of budget, committee reports and presentation and referral of resolutions, will be conducted at the Tuesday afternoon session, to begin at 1:00 o'clock.

Election of officers is also scheduled for the Tuesday afternoon session. During the past several years the convention has alternated between a clergyman and a layman for president and re-elected each time for a second term.

Mr. Perry has served two consecutive one-year terms as president and if custom is followed he will be succeeded this year by a clergyman.

President Perry will be assisted in presiding by two vice-presidents, Dr. Perkins, Greenwood, first vice-president, and Rev. Clyde Little, Forest, second vice-president. This year's Wednesday evening's session will feature a State Missions Presentation under direction of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer.

The proposed new record high Cooperative Program budget for 1973 will be presented at the Tuesday afternoon session by Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, Chairman of the Budget Committee of the Board, and be voted on, along with the entire Convention Board report, on Wednesday morning.

The total budget goal for 1973 is \$5,

200,000, compared to the 1972 budget of \$4,800,000, an increase of \$600,000, according to Dr. Hudgins.

Assembly Report Included

The Convention Board report will also include a report of its Assembly Committee with a recommendation that a Capital Funds Campaign be launched as soon as possible for the rebuilding of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian, for no less than \$1,250,000.

The report will also include a report of the Convention's Education Commission, with a Convention Board-approved recommendation that the request of the Convention's Board of Ministerial Education to authorize construction of two ten-unit apartment dwellings at Clarke College and five units at Wm. Carey College be approved.

The above request includes permission to borrow \$254,200 to cover construction costs.

The Convention Board report will also include a Convention Board-approved recommendation that the State Baptist WMU be authorized to borrow \$20,000 from the Convention Board's Operating Reserve to assist them in purchasing additional property near Camp Garaywa, to be repaid in three years.

The Wednesday morning session will be closed with an address on theological education by Dr. Berquist.

Wednesday afternoon's session will be given over largely to reports of agencies and a closing address on home missions by Mr. Silverio.

Gunnells to Speak

Dr. Gunnells will be the featured speaker Wednesday evening, using foreign missions as his subject, with reports of departments also being given.

Thursday morning's session will be climaxed by a closing address by Dr. Bates on "Evangelism: Our 1973 Thrust."

The session, to close at noon, will

also hear reports, including that of the Resolutions Committee.

There will be no Thursday afternoon session, with the closing Youth Night service to be held in the Coliseum.

This service is planned for high school youth, college and young adults according to the Order of Business Committee.

The program at the Coliseum will feature special music by the Clarke College Singers, James B. McElroy, director; a testimony by David Langerfeld, a student at Mississippi State, congregational singing led by Mr. Badry, and the closing message and invitation by Mr. Hogue.

If you tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe, he'll believe you. But if you tell him a bench has just been painted, he has to touch it to be sure.

Clarke College Singers To Perform At Youth Night In The Coliseum

The Clarke College Singers will be featured musicians on the Youth Night program in the Coliseum, Jackson, on November 16, at the close of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. James B. McElroy directs the Singers.

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek Thanks Irwin For Witness

TAIPEI, Taiwan (BP) — Madame Chiang Kai-Shek thanked former astronaut James B. Irwin for his Christian witness to the youth of her country when Irwin called on her at her residence here.

Irwin's wife and daughter were with him during the 25-minute visit with Madame Chiang, wife of Taiwan's President.

She told Irwin that in this age, with its many problems and much knowledge, it is very helpful to have a person who has achieved much in a scientific field to share his faith in God and in Jesus Christ.

Prior to the interview, Irwin had addressed thousands of students at several colleges and universities of this island nation, officially called the Republic of China.

His major public appearance was

at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall here, which was packed by 3,600 people who came to hear the lunar explorer testify of his faith in Christ and call his listeners to make their own Christian commitment.

More than 100 persons responded publicly to Irwin's invitation, reported Joseph B. Underwood, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff member traveling with him.

Underwood and Southern Baptist missioner Bynum Akins also were with Irwin when he was received by Madame Chiang.

Madame Chiang asked Irwin's wife, Mary, about her anxiety when her husband went to the moon on the Apollo 15 flight in July, 1971. Mrs. Irwin replied that she had "just turned it over to the Lord and had

assurance that Jim was going to return."

Underwood reported that Madame Chiang responded: "Now that's wonderful. We were talking in our prayer meeting last week about burdens and worries, and someone observed that if we go to the Lord in prayer, (we can) lay our burdens at the foot of the cross and then pick them up again on our way out."

When Irwin and his daughter, Joy, admitted to some anxiety, Madame Chiang is reported to have said, "Now I like that. That's human."

Underwood personally thanked Madame Chiang for her life as a Christian and offered the gratitude "of the Christians of America for her remarkable Christian Testimony."

She asked Underwood to tell Amer-



Irwin Calls On Korea's Chief On Baptist-Sponsored Trip

SEOUL, Korea (BP)—Former Astronaut James Irwin conferred with President Chung Hee Park, addressed Air Force Academy cadets and appeared on a television talk show during the first two days of a Baptist-sponsored visit to Korea.

Irwin is traveling and speaking in nine Asian and Pacific countries for one month at the invitation of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He is being accompanied on most of his appearances by Joseph B. Underwood of the board's staff.

Irwin spent 20 minutes talking with President Park, with the president's interpreter being the only other person present. Details of the conversation were not made known immediately, but the President is reported to have said he wanted as many Koreans as possible to hear Irwin's message.

In remarks to the Air Force cadets, Irwin, himself a retired Air Force officer, referred to a man-made facsimile of a rock brought to earth from the moon. Then he told them their lives should be "built on the rock of ages, on the Word of God, and especially on the person of Jesus Christ."

About 40 cadets responded when Irwin invited them to make a Christian commitment of their lives, and their commanding officer was "deeply moved," reported Underwood.

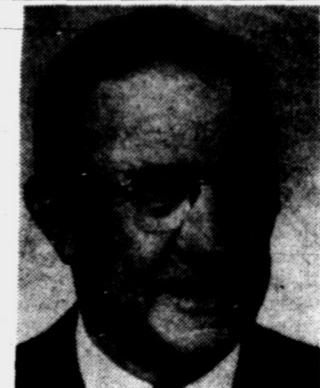
Interviews were held with two Korean television channels and by the American Forces TV, and a feature writer for Stars and Stripes, the U.S. armed forces paper.

Irwin had held a press conference with reporters from about 30 papers soon after his arrival here from Japan, the first country on his Foreign Mission Board-sponsored tour.

In Japan Irwin talked with Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka and gave him several mementos of the Apollo 15 lunar mission on which Irwin and a co-astronaut explored the moon's surface.

The gifts to Tanaka included a plaque with a photo made on the moon, a flag of Japan that was carried to the moon and an Apollo 15 suit patch.

In addition, Irwin gave Tanaka a Bible and reportedly told him, "Here is a book much more important for you than even our trip to the moon."



E. D. Estes Dies

Funeral services for Rev. Ellis D. Estes, 82, well-known Baptist minister, of 4838 Woodmont Drive, Jackson, were held at 11 a.m. Nov. 3 from Broadmoor Church with Dr. David R. Grant, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the Hebron Cemetery in Jones County, with Dr. G. C. Hodges of Ocean Springs officiating.

Mr. Estes died early Nov. 2 at his residence.

A native of Lee county, he was the son of the late Benjamin David and Mary Jane Young Estes. He had been a resident of Jackson since his retirement in 1956.

He received his college and seminary work in Fort Worth, Texas, and graduated from Southwestern Seminary in May 1927.

Mr. Estes served as pastor of Baptist churches in Fort Worth, North Little Rock, Ark., Newhall, Calif., and several churches in Mississippi.

During his ministry, he assisted in establishing the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, dedicated to help blacks in their church work and ministry.

While serving on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, he was appointed member of a special committee to consider the termination of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, but through his efforts the termination was unsuccessful.

He led in the organization of First Baptist Church d'Iberville in North Biloxi and served as pastor there for a brief time.

Survivors are his wife, the former Damar Elizabeth Pickering of Laurel and one brother Rev. C. O. Estes of Canton.



Tennessee Executive

Ralph E. Norton, pastor of Red Bank Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., for the past 24 years, has been elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Norton, 59, will begin work Dec. 1, and assume full responsibility Jan. 1, 1973, following the retirement of W. Fred Kendall. (BP) Photo.

Call to Order Jamall Badry

Testimony In Song Jamall Badry

Singing Together Jamall Badry

Prayer Jamall Badry

Announcements and Introduction Jamall Badry

Personal Testimony and Prayer Jamall Badry

Inspirational Music Jamall Badry

Singing Together Jamall Badry

Mini Concert Jamall Badry

Message Jamall Badry

Opportunity for Discussion Jamall Badry

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

Benediction Jamall Badry



BMC Singers To Perform At Convention

Under direction of Nancy Ellis Robertson, assistant professor of voice at Blue Mountain College, "THE SINGERS," will perform at the Mississippi Baptist Convention on November

14, during the first morning session and the evening session. Mrs. Robertson is seen at back, extreme left, and the accompanist, June Higginbottom is at back, extreme right.

The total budget goal for 1973 is \$5,

000, compared to the 1972 budget of \$4,800,000, an increase of \$600,000, according to Dr. Hudgins.

Fred Womack

Tuesday Evening

6:55 Prelude	
7:00 Song and Praise	
7:10 Bible Study	Jamall Badry
7:30 Special Music	Gordon Clinard
7:30 Announcements: Miscellaneous Matters	Jamall Badry
7:45 Election of Officers	
7:55 S. B. C. Representatives	
Executive Committee; Stewardship Commission	John H. Williams
Radio and Television Commission	Eldon Sparrow
Sunday School Board	Ray Conner
8:35 Special Music	Blue Mountain College Choir
8:45 State Mission Presentation	W. Douglas Hudgins
9:30 Closing Prayer	S. W. Valentine

Wednesday Morning

8:50 Prelude	
9:00 Song and Praise	
9:10 Bible Study	Jamall Badry
9:30 Reading of Minutes	Gordon Clinard
9:40 Report of Committees	
(1) Nominations	Earl Kelly
(2) Time, Place, and Preacher	
9:55 American Bible Society	J. Edward Cunningham
10:00 Special Music	Jamall Badry
10:05 Convention Board Report	Robert L. Hamblin
10:30 Miscellaneous Business	
10:30 Report of Education Commission	W. Levon Moore
10:45 Report of Board of Ministerial Education	Charles Gentry
10:55 Report from Colleges	
Blue Mountain	E. Harold Fisher
Clarke	W. L. Compere
Mississippi	Lewis Nobles
William Carey	Ralph Noonester
11:25 Special Music	Mississippi College Choir
11:35 Seminary Representatives	
11:40 Address: Theological Education	Millard J. Berquist
12:10 Closing Prayer	Lavon Hatten

Wednesday Afternoon

2:05 Prelude	
2:10 Song and Praise	Jamall Badry
2:20 Bible Study	Gordon Clinard
2:40 Announcements and Recognitions	
2:45 Special Music	Mississippi College Choir
2:55 Report of Christian Action Commission	J. Clark Hensley

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EDITORIAL

The 1972 Mississippi Baptist Convention

The time for the annual Mississippi Baptist Convention is at hand. Next week hundreds of pastors and laymen and women from across the state will assemble in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Jackson, for the body's 137th annual session. This will be the 31st consecutive session held in Jackson, since the convention has met in the capital city every year since 1942, and all but one year (1941-Meridian) since 1938.

This year's session comes at the end of what well may have been one of the best years the convention ever has experienced. The largest budget in the convention's history is being met, and evidently will be surpassed in the full year which ends Dec. 31. Large numbers of churches are reporting a spirit of revival, that gives promise that this may be one of the best years in baptisms and other advances, the state has known. All of the institutions are reporting splendid progress. The Baptist hospital is already started in a great new building program. Harmony and optimism prevail all across the state, and reports from many associations indicate that the year has been outstanding.

It is in such an atmosphere that Baptists will assemble next week. A good program has been planned. Challenging goals are expected to be presented and adopted. No divisive issues appear to confront the messengers.

The two major issues which will be considered by the convention will be the adoption of a budget that for the first time passes the \$5,000,000 mark,

and the consideration of an Assemblies Committee report with the recommendation that plans be set to raise funds for the rebuilding of the Assembly facilities at Gulfshore. The budget proposal does not present any foreseeable problems, but the assemblies report brings to the front one of the most serious decisions to face the messengers in a number of years. Last year's convention voted, after extended debate, to rebuild the assembly on the Gulfshore site, and authorized appointment of a committee to make further studies of the matter. The special committee has done that and brings to this meeting a proposed program of rebuilding the Gulfshore facility at an estimated cost of \$2,900,000, and with the suggestion that the rebuilding may cost more than that, if there is long delay in construction. The problem is that at the present time the convention has less than \$600,000 in the assemblies reserve fund, most of this being proceeds from the insurance settlement from the destruction of the old facilities by Hurricane Camille in 1969. How can the additional \$2,300,000 be raised? Shall a financial campaign be launched to raise part or all of it? How long will this take? Shall part of it be raised, and part be borrowed to be repaid from regular budget funds over the next several years? Is there some other source of these needed funds?

These are the problems the convention must solve. They demand serious thought and much prayer.

Another matter which will be considered by the convention is emphasis on 1973 as a year of evangelism. During the present year an effort has been

made to enlarge and improve the Sunday schools. This is to be followed by a year of intensive evangelistic effort. While this coincides with the Key '73 evangelistic emphasis being entered into by many denominations, Southern Baptists actually are not officially a part of that movement. Nevertheless, all over the convention major emphasis is being given to evangelism in 1973. Some of the plans for Mississippi will be presented to the messengers at this convention session.

Some other SBC states are not quite so fortunate in the expectation of an harmonious session. Serious doctrinal problems face some of the meetings. Both North Carolina and California still are struggling with the issues of baptism, although their problems differ. In North Carolina the problem is raised by a few of the cooperating churches accepting as members persons who have had only sprinkling for baptism. In California the problem is that some churches receive alien immersion, and the state constitution forbids seating messengers from churches which do that. The issues have not been raised in Mississippi since, as far as we know, no church receives sprinkling as baptism; and very few, if any, have begun to accept alien immersion.

Unity and harmony appear to be the spirit we can expect in the coming convention, and both the messengers who plan to come, and those Baptists across the state who cannot attend, should be much in prayer that this will be a session characterized by spiritual power, broad vision, and kingdom advance.

The Genius Of Baptist Independence

Every Baptist church is an independent church. This is the very genius of character of Baptists. If a church is not independent it is not a true Baptist church. This means that it is a democratic body, directing its own affairs under the headship of Christ. Often we hear men speak of "Independent Baptist churches" as if they were something unique. We understand, of course, what they mean, for they are saying that they no longer are affiliated with the conventions. Actually, such a statement is a misuse of the word, for every Baptist church is independent, being absolutely free to do as it pleases, with the controls being God's revelation in the New Testament. And the church itself determines, whether it shall follow those. Of course, if it chooses to move away from New Testa-

ment principles, and continues to call itself Baptist, it is Baptist in name only.

This very nature of freedom which characterizes Baptist churches, also is the foundation of conventions such as the Southern Baptist Convention or the state conventions and the associations. Churches are free to cooperate with other churches in kingdom affairs. It was the desire of "independent" Baptist churches to be more effective in their witness by joining forces with other churches, that brought the associations and conventions into being, and it is the continued will of those independent churches to cooperate that keeps the convention programs moving forward today.

Independent Baptist churches, working together, have made possible the mighty world program of missions which Southern Baptists support; the

vast educational program which includes many colleges and the several seminaries supported by Southern Baptists through the SBC and the state conventions; the ministry to orphans and other children, that is a part of every state convention's work; the tremendous programs of evangelism, stewardship, church organizational promotion, and other ministries to aid the churches; and the numerous other programs of witness, which are done by Baptists through their associations and conventions.

This is the very heart of Baptist relationships. Each church is free to work with others, in carrying out the commission of our Lord. Independent churches, join their forces and resources, for the glory of God. It is this spirit of cooperation which brings Mississippi Baptists together for a great convention session next week.

NEWEST BOOKS

WALKING TOWARD YOUR FEAR by H. C. Brown, Jr., (Broadman, 156 pp., \$4.95) Dr. H. C. Brown, Jr. is professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. A childhood victim of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease, Brown experienced the truths which he presents in this book. Facing serious heart surgery and the possibility of death at an early age, he learned to walk in faith and to face fear. His testimony will be strengthening and helpful to thousands of other people facing the fears of life.

WHERE IS HISTORY GOING? by John Warwick Montgomery (Bethany Fellowship, 250 pp., \$5.95) A collection of lectures related to history by one of the outstanding conservative theologians of the present hour. The first messages deal with Christ as a figure of history. Dr. Montgomery answers those critics who try to deny this fact. Indeed, the book contains the text of a modern scholar who denies that Christ actually lived with broad knowledge and scholarly depth. Dr. Montgomery clearly answers all arguments against this historical fact. Some of the other lectures deal with theological positions of some of the modern scholars, especially as they relate to history. This is a scholarly volume, but it carefully examines secular philosophies of history being offered to man today.

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS GUEST as retold by Helen Steiner Rice (Revell, \$1.95) A beautifully printed gift book presenting in poetic form the old story of the cobbler who dreamed that Christ would come to his shop on a certain day and was disappointed that only some needy people came this way and that his Lord did not appear. Finally the Lord appeared to him to say that he had come through those whom the cobbler had helped. It is an old story presented in a new form and beautifully done, both by the poet and by the printer.

THE FAMILY ALBUM compiled by Arthur and Nancy DeMoss (A. J. Holman, 177 pp., \$5.95) A treasury of inspirational writing, this annual volume contains essays, anecdotes, and poems, all enhanced by stunning full-color photographs. The collection includes selections from such celebrated authors as James Whitcomb Riley, Louisa May Alcott, Robert Louis Stevenson, Helen

Steiner Rice, Edgar Guest, Grace Noll Crowell, Benjamin Franklin, Woodrow Wilson, Helen Keller, Billy Graham, and Astronaut James Irwin. Chapter headings include The New Year, Easter, Home and Family, Daily Life, American Heritage, Thanksgiving, Friendship, Worship, Christmas, and Heaven. It is a truly beautiful book that any family should be proud to own.

STOP FORGETTING by Dr. Bruno Furst (Doubleday, 240 pp., \$7.95) A new expanded edition of a book which first appeared several years ago. It discusses how to develop the memory and concentration and to put it to practical use. It tells how to remember names, faces, addresses, telephone numbers, speeches, printed material, language and much more. The revised edition is in a much better and more usable than the original, as outstanding as was that book. Here are principles on memory work which can help any person whether a student in high school or college, or an adult in the mature years of life to learn how to develop the memory and retain knowledge in almost any field. Having first become acquainted with the original Furst book a number of years ago, this reviewer often has wished that he could have had this material back during his high school or college days. Here are tested and proved methods which teach the individual how to use the mind which God

has given him with logic and understanding so that almost any type of material can be filed in the memory, and recalled at will. This is not done by magic, nor are the skills easily acquired, but the person who gives serious attention to these principles will find his own abilities greatly expanded. We recommend the book to preachers, and laymen alike, and to young people who are seeking to find better ways of pursuing their studies. Here is an investment in mind training which is well worth the cost.

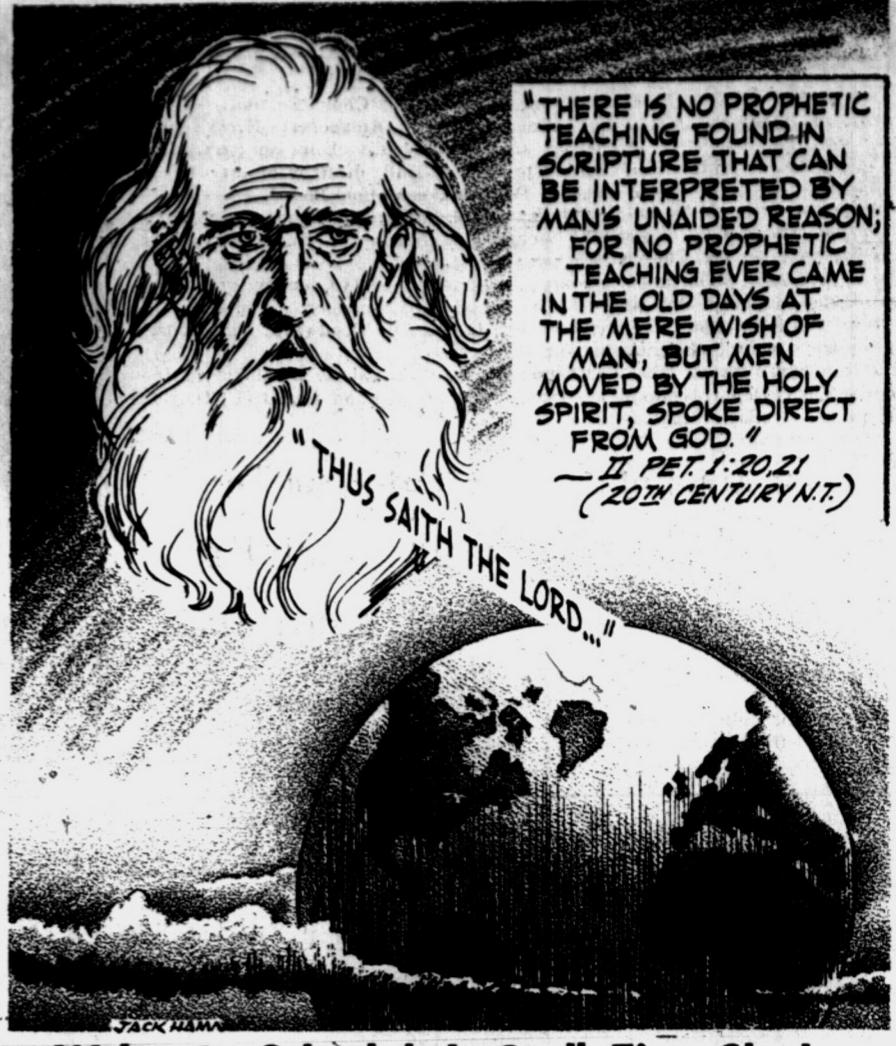
OUR BAPTIST STORY by Pope A. Duncan (Convention Press, 154 pp.) A study course book on the history of Baptists gives special emphasis to the developments which brought about the Southern Baptists and then relates their story through the years of their history. This is not a complete history of Baptists but it does give a clear picture of how God has led them from the beginnings of Baptists in America to the year 1972.

TORTURED FOR CHRIST by Richard Wurmbbrand (Diane Books, Pocket Book, paper, 139 pp., \$5.75) Paper book reprint of a book which has been printed in 25 languages. It was written by a Christian who suffered 14 years of torture in a Communist Prison. He tells of his own experiences and of the experiences of other Christians who have suffered or still are suffering in Communist prisons.

The Baptist Record Recommends:

Many books come to the Baptist Record for review. When we feel that they are outstanding, we try to give special emphasis to them. The following book is in that category. We do recommend that it have a wide reading by teenagers, young people and their parents.

COOL IT OR LOSE IT! by Dale Evans Rogers (Revell, 96 pp., \$2.95) The subtitle of this book is Raps with Youth. It is written by the widely known movie, radio and television star, Dale Evans Rogers, who also is known around the world for her Christian witness. In this book she talks both to young people and adults, dealing with moral issues, rock music, pollution, hang-ups, relationship with parents, and other subjects which are of broad interest at this very moment. The messages are straight from the shoulder, written with direct communication with youth, and say things which need to be said both to young and old. We believe that this book can be life changing both for young people, and for their parents who are trying to understand them. We hope that it will have a very wide reading. Both young and old may be somewhat shocked by the frankness of this outstanding Christian mother and friend of youth across the nation, but they will find that she is talking about matters which are of real interest to them, and she gives Bible based, spiritual answers. If this review turns some young person off so that he or she fails to read the book, then we shall be sorry because we believe every young person should read it.



We're On Schedule In God's Time Clock

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Defends And Explains Possibilities Of Bus Ministry

Dear Editor:

In Christian love, I would like to reply to our dear brother from Sunnall, Mississippi concerning his opposition to the Bus Ministry.

About two years ago, one of our neighboring pastors apologized to me for an unchristian attitude he said he had had concerning our bus ministry. He had recently attended a meeting in Atlanta on Evangelism and Bus Ministry, and had seen the vision of bus outreach. This wonderful church has since started its own bus ministry with four buses. So pastors and laymen both have had reasons to object to the bus ministry of another church until they fully understand the motive and philosophy of bus outreach.

In our section of the city, there are streets where at least five church buses pick up children. This is not competing, but complementing each other's outreach. There are children that will attend our church and no other, and there are also children that will attend other churches and not ours. But almost in every case, the buses are picking up children that were not attending any church, and the secret of reaching children is not the rolling investment that the church may be using, but the genuine love the child receives once he arrives at church.

Maybe our brother's church in Sunnall cannot compete bus for bus, but if his church really out-loved this far-off church, these young children couldn't be bussed out of his city on air-conditioned Greyhounds.

If our brother would really survey his field, I believe he would find that at least most of these children being bussed to a far-off church are children who never came to his church, or only seldom came, and children into whose homes his Sunday School workers almost never went. Having been in the bus ministry myself for many years, I have learned that a successful bus ministry requires almost weekly visitation to these homes. I am also convinced that if the same kind of loving visitation was done by Sunday School leaders as is done by faithful bus workers, a church could reach these children without busses.

So I would like in Christian love to recommend to this brother and his church to go out into the church field and compete with the commodity that his church can have as much as any other church — Love. If the children's workers in his church would out-love the children's workers in the far-off church, these children would not be lost to them. Love might even demand that his own church buy a bus. We have found in our city that we have reached children one block from our church by a bus — children that were never coming before. He should not take for granted that children in a small town will walk or that parents should bring them. Instead of crying about unfair competition, let his church start their own outreach program, based on real love and before long he will be praising the Lord for victories in his church, and for the fact that children they fail to reach can be reached by even a church miles away.

May the Lord bless his dear church in all of its efforts to reach its town for Christ.

John C. Hilburn

McDowell Road Baptist Church

Jackson



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Several times each week I pass a house which has a very neat yard, the grass usually looking newly-mown. Late the other afternoon when I passed the yard I was surprised to see a big stick of firewood, a long plastic styrofoam food cooler, and a plastic garbage can on the yard. They had been placed one by the side of the other very carefully.

As I slowed to turn near the yard, two young boys came around the corner of the house. One of them took a running start and tried to broadjump the wood, cooler, and can. He made it.

Then the other boy brought another container and placed it by the trash can to make the jump even longer. It would have been interesting to watch them for a while, but a client for my taxi service awaited me.

Winding through the streets, I kept thinking about those little boys and their broadjumping. It seemed as their purpose was to build themselves some obstacles, but I know by the joyful expressions on their faces that they were actually building themselves a challenge.

I guess it was all in the way you looked at that stick of wood, cooler, and those cans and the energy it took to jump them. Or to get up from off them if you jumped too short.

pioneer areas the message of God's love.

Paul's advice in the fourth chapter of this letter to the Philippians is ever so real to us who serve our Lord in a struggling pioneer area of northeastern United States where we are daily experiencing God's love through our overwhelming needs for more dedicated pastors and leadership, for greater financial support, and especially for the genuine prayer support of concerned Southern Baptists united together to share Christ everywhere. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few"—Luke 10:2.

We praise God for you and for what you mean to us personally, and we pledge our prayerful support to your faithful and dedicated leadership.

Sincerely yours,
Karen Moore, Clerk
Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Assn.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

"A man is known by the company he keeps. Kindness and honesty are contagious." —O. R. Wright, The Lebapon (Mo.) Rustic Republican.

"Some people are so anxious to make a living that they've forgotten how to live." —Fred W. Grown, The Bergen (N.J.) Citizen.

"To be born a gentleman is an accident, but to die one is an achievement." —Mrs. Robert Schneider, The Boyertown (Pa.) Times Dispatch.

No man has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with books.

Children learn to read by being in the presence of books. —Horace Mann.

Books are not men and yet they are alive.—Stephen Vincent Benet.

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Churches Urged To Get Reservations In For 1973 SBC Youth Choir Festival

A 2500 voice Southern Baptist Convention Youth Choir Festival will be held at the Southern Baptist Conference Center in Ridgecrest, N. C., June 28-30, 1973, and churches desiring to send their youth choirs to participate are urged to act promptly, according to Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Features will be a Parade of Choirs, two Midnight Celebrations, a climactic Morning Celebration, which will include selection of the most outstanding choir as well as ensemble, and a prayer retreat.

Ed Seabough, associate secretary, Department of Missionary Personnel, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will be special guest speaker.

The Festival choir director will be James D. Woodward, well-known choir leader from Oklahoma Baptist University.

A brochure, giving full information on the Festival, is available in the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Hospital Appoints Coordinator Of Staff Development

Mississippi Baptist Hospital has launched a new program designed to develop to the fullest extent the potential of all the hospital's employees.

The director of Staff development is Mrs. Mary Holyfield, R. N., who has returned to the hospital after a one-year leave of absence during which she served as acting dean of the Mississippi College School of Nursing.

Mrs. Holyfield has been associated with Mississippi Baptist Hospital since 1953, when she was employed as an instructor in the fundamentals of nursing at the hospital's Gilfoyle School of Nursing.

She later served as an instructor in medical nursing, became assistant director of the school in 1958, and performed as its acting director from 1964 to August 1, 1968, when she was named director of the school.

Her title is coordinator of staff development, and Mrs. Holyfield describes her sphere as being based upon a "philosophy of administration which is concerned with the total institution — a philosophy that is creative and permissive — an integrated and comprehensive plan of development for the entire hospital — the development of people." She says that she will be instituting programs based upon the wants and needs of hospital employees.

In order to find out their needs, Mrs. Holyfield will canvass the hospital employees by questionnaire and by personal conversation. But this will take time, she says, and she doesn't expect to have any specific development programs fully operational until next September.

Admittedly, this is a big assignment, and Mrs. Holyfield at present is a staff of one. But she hopes eventually to have a staff of five, by which time some of the programs she envisions will be transformed into reality.

The various departments of the hospital already have educational programs going in their various specialties, and these will not be duplicated by any of Mrs. Holyfield's projects. Her projects will be hospital-wide and will cut across departmental lines.

"I'll be looking for resources for involving the community in the hospital," says Mrs. Holyfield, "and of course we want to involve the hospital in the community. The hospital is a community resource — a community service — not just a place where people go when they're sick."

Mrs. Holyfield became licensed as a Registered Nurse in 1952 after graduating from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing at Denver, and she got her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Denver in 1953 and her Master's Degree in Education at Mississippi College in 1964. She is currently enrolled as a part-time student in the Masters in Nursing Program at the University of Mississippi.

Bowman Feted At Union (Walhall)

Rev. W. M. Bowman, who served Union Church, Walhall County, as interim pastor from July to October of this year, was honored by the church with a fellowship October 22. Mr. Bowman served as pastor of this church in the 1930's for several years, and has been an active arm of the church ever since.

Mrs. Sedgie Ginn and Mrs. Farrell Sanford were hostesses for the fellowship. Mrs. Ginn introduced the program which was developed around Mr. Bowman's past and present ministry at Union.

Other program participants were Eddie Webb, the oldest deacon; Joy M. McEwen, the youngest deacon; Mary Ann Ginn, active teenager; Mrs. Frank Boyd, Sunday school teacher, who read a poem she had written in tribute to Mr. Bowman; and Humphrey Breeland, chairman of deacons, who presented Rev. and Mrs. Bowman with a monetary token of appreciation from the church.

Mrs. Boyd's tribute stated, "When the last lines have been written, and this interim chapter is complete, and the worth-while things are graven in the Book that angels keep, the church fellowship shall often recall: 'This period that has been enriching, to each and all.' When we (Union Baptist Church) shall give a reason, for a contiguous sharing of love, and a

Dr. Robinson To Handle Booth For ABS At Convention

Dr. Edwina Robinson, Jackson, former executive secretary of Mississippi Baptist WMU, will be present in an American Bible Society booth in the Exhibit Area during the Mississippi Baptist Convention Nov. 14-16.

Dr. Robinson will be available to discuss the plans, work and services of the Society and will have some materials for distribution.

Dr. Robinson had previously been requested by the Women's Activities Department of the Society to be on the Women's Speakers' Bureau and be available for messages in any denomination cooperating with the organization.

She recently attended a Special Consultation program sponsored by the Society in Stoney Point, N. Y., for orientation in this work. There were 47 women present from 25 states.

The SBC contributes the largest amount of any denomination to the support of the Society.

Retired State Pastor-Teacher Dies

Rev. Hugh Guyton Collins, 65, retired Baptist minister and teacher, died suddenly on October 12 at the home of his brother, John Collins, at Ridgeland after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Services were held from Leland First Church with burial in Houston, First Church.

Mr. Collins was a native of Houston. His father, Rev. Hubert M. Collins, was a well-known Baptist minister in northeast Mississippi and his mother was the former Annie Atkinson. Both Collins and his father were graduates of Mississippi College. Ordained a Baptist minister in 1932, Mr. Collins held pastorates in Carthage, James, Greenville, Leland, Tyro, Harmontown, Inverness, and Silver City before retiring last May.

He recently returned to Leland to make his home. In addition to his ministry, he taught in the public schools for 16 years in communities where he held pastorates.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lola Vanhorn-Collins; two sons, Felix of Clinton and Charles of Leland; two daughters, Mrs. Dwight Young of Kalama, Mich., and Mrs. David Young of Jefferson City, Tenn.; one brother, John Collins of Ridgeland; one sister, Mrs. Alonzo Skelton, of Manee; nine grandchildren.

South Carolina Association Refuses To Readmit Church

GREENWOOD, S. C. (BP) — Abbeville Baptist Association, which two years ago voted to withdraw fellowship from First Baptist Church of Greenwood to full fellowship in the association was defeated by a vote of 34 to 129.

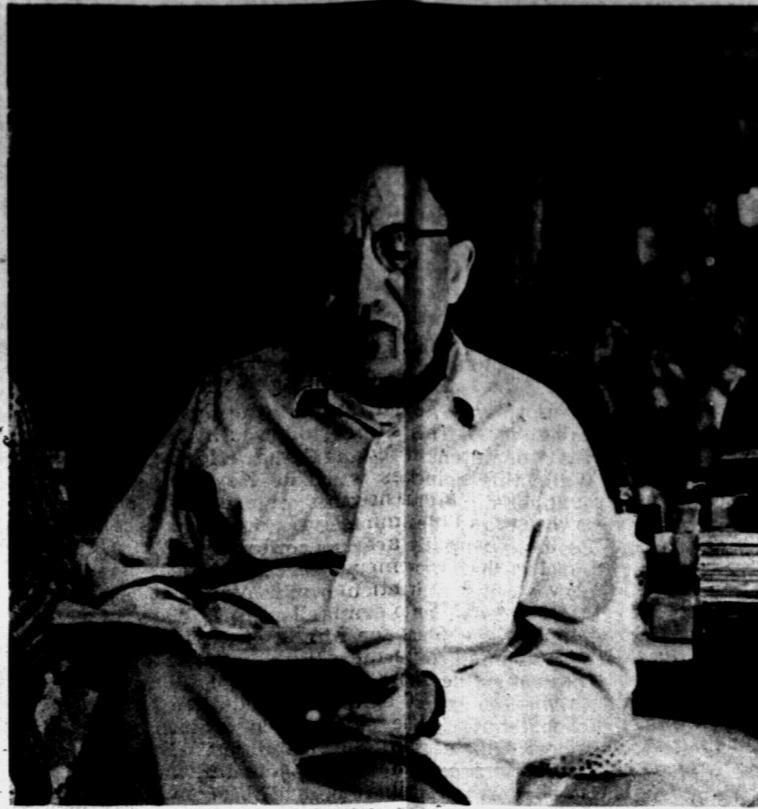
In 1970, the association by a slim margin voted to exclude the church because the church accepts members by transfer of letter from churches of other denominations, even though they have not been baptized by immersion. The 1970 vote was 154 - 76, barely surpassing the necessary two-thirds margin.

Although the Greenwood church is not affiliated with the Abbeville Association, it continues to contribute through the Cooperative Program to state and SBC causes, and to send messengers to the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Last year, the state convention rejected a motion which would have denied seats to the Greenwood church's messengers, but the convention will face the matter again in November of this year.

A constitutional amendment, introduced last year to be voted on this year, would limit seating of messengers only to those churches which require "baptism by immersion of professed believers in Jesus Christ."

renewing of spirit "out of season," then we shall give credit to whom credit is due: 'Rev. Bill Bowman, we humbly thank you.'



November 12: American Bible Society Day

Organized in 1816, the American Bible Society has published at least one book of the Bible in 1,457 languages. Over 800,000 Scriptures were distributed in 1971 through missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, in cooperation with the American Bible Society as resource, supplies up to five Bibles to any church which provides regular Bible study in a language other than English. One church in Hawaii asked for and received Bibles in Ilocano and Tagalog. (November 12 is American Bible Society Day.) (Home Mission Board photo by Don Rutledge)

NEWS BRIEFS

EL PASO, Tex. — The Baptist Spanish Publishing House here has initiated a second language ministry — English. A decentralized approach to ministerial training being developed in Guyana calls for new materials in English. The materials give guidance on three academic levels for men with elementary, secondary and university preparation. Southern Baptist missionary Weldon E. Viertel heads the new English-language work. He and his wife were transferred to the publishing house from an assignment in Barbados, West Indies.

Swedish Church Celebrates 75 Years

Philadelphia Church, Orebro, Sweden, recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. With about 1,000 members, it is the largest church within the Oerebro Mission, one of the two Baptist groups in Sweden. Because two of the main annual events of the Oerebro Mission take place in this church it is somewhat the center of the Mission. The events are the annual meeting of the Mission and its missionary conference.

Spanish Baptist Nurse Featured

Maria Luisa Hidalgo, a Spanish Baptist missionary nurse, was featured in a recent issue of "Miss," a highly popular magazine published in Spain with international distribution. The opening paragraph of the article calls attention to Miss Hidalgo's religious training within a Baptist church in Spain. Miss Hidalgo is the only Spanish Baptist working as a missionary outside Spain. She has been serving in the Baptist hospital in Jibla, Yemen, since 1964. Other medical missionaries working in the hospital are Americans, serving under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The three-page article, accompanied by full-colored photographs, tells of Miss Hidalgo's professional work as a nurse and of her life in Yemen.

Norwegian Seminary Enrolls 14

The Norwegian Baptist Theological Seminary, at Stabekk, near Oslo, started its 63rd academic year on September 5 with 14 students. Seven of the students are enrolled in the seminary's one-year program of Bible study and evangelism. This program, started last year, aims at training persons who want to take an active part in evangelism and church leadership in addition to their professions and persons who spend part of their time as itinerant evangelists and in "Time-for-God" projects. Ten of the students are Baptists, two Lutherans, and two Pentecostals. Nils J. Engelsen is president of the seminary.

Dutch Baptists Show Slight Growth

Statistics reveal that there were 10,565 Baptists in the Netherlands at the end of 1971. Membership in the 70 churches related to the Union of Baptist Churches in the Netherlands increased slightly less than 1 percent, whereas membership in the 10 Baptist churches which are not members of the union increased almost 4 percent.

Baptist churches of the Netherlands baptized 307 persons in 1971. This compares with 327 in 1970. The Baptist church of Emmen showed the greatest growth, from 458 to 495.

Youths Study Bible

About 180 Swedish young people took a five-week Bible course offered this summer by the Oerebro (Baptist) Mission of Sweden.

For some of the youths it was the beginning of their missionary education. Some, who had contact with the "Jesus People" and call themselves "The New Jesus People," carry their Bibles with them all the time.

Most of the young people who take the annual summer course go back to their own churches. Some help other churches for a year or more.

20 Baptized In Mid-Week Service

Twenty persons were baptized recently during the mid-week service at Streatham Baptist Church, London, England. Most were recent converts testifying to the work of God in Oxford Street, where Youth with a Mission has been holding an evangelistic coffee bar.

Senior Citizens' Day At Houston, First

The First Baptist Church of Houston celebrated Senior Citizens' Day on Sunday, October 15. The Golden Christians were the honored guests of the church for special activities.

Dr. James Travis, interim pastor, conducted the morning worship service. The Golden Christians were seated in special ribboned pews. Immediately following the worship service there was a special recognition service. J. C. Wright, chairman of deacons, made presentations of book marks to each Golden Christian and presented memorial flowers on the altar for Christians already gone to Glory. Deacon Bennett Blanton expressed the church's appreciation for the years of service and the great church heritage given by the Senior Citizens.

Following the recognition service there was a church-wide dinner and fellowship period in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

George Martin, music director, led the congregation in an old-fashioned hymn sing after dinner. The program concluded with all members joining hands and singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

West Laurel Enters Building Program

West Laurel Church, Laurel, has entered a new building program in which it will construct a new activities building. This new facility will be used for both educational and recreational purposes. The dimensions are 115 ft. by 70 ft. wide and will have a full basketball and skating court. The program will cost \$75,000. Rev. D. J. Benson is pastor.

Union (Rankin) Plans Appreciation Supper

An Appreciation Supper will be held November 11 for all who donated time, money, labor, and materials to building the new pastorium at Union Church in Rankin County.

Supper will be 7 p.m. at the church. Rev. J. T. Pannell is the pastor. Open House at the new pastorium was held November 5.

Since January, 1972, the Bible has been read on the air in one minute segments 341,319 times.

An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support.

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Texas Baptists In Calm, Placid Annual Convention

ABILENE, Tex. (BP) — Texas Baptists skinned placidly over unruled waters during their annual convention here, disturbed only by reports of legislative double dealing and shocked by a surprise announcement that their top executive would retire next year.

T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the 1.9 million member convention for the past 12 years, announced he would retire Dec. 31, 1973 after 13 years in office, the longest continuous term of any Texas Baptist executive secretary.

In a report to the convention, the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission revealed the names of 11 Texas legislators and legislative candidates who gave inconsistent answers to two separate polls on horse race gambling in Texas.

The 11 candidates said in a poll conducted by the Texas Horse Council they favored and supported a state-wide vote on parimutuel horse race betting on a local option basis, but replied to a poll conducted by the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission that they opposed such a state-wide vote on parimutuel gambling.

In a separate report covering a wide range of social concerns, the commission charged that gambling interests are employing "extreme tactics" including "an unbelievable, blatant attempt to buy votes by offering campaign contributions to those who will promise them a vote."

James M. Dunn, executive secretary of the commission said in presenting the report that "absurdly high" election costs have "virtually created a government with a 'for sale' sign on it."

The report called for sweeping reforms in state government and a major overhaul of the state system of criminal justice, and passage of a bilingual education law to stem the school dropout rate of Mexican-Americans.

In major business, the convention approved record, but "bone bare" budget of \$15.7 million, an increase of \$525,000 over last year.

Re-elected as president was Landon P. Leavelle, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Tex. New vice presidents elected were James Flammung, pastor of First Baptist Church, Abilene, and William Pinson, professor at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Business sessions, in a marked change from recent years, were routine and drew little attention, observers said. For the first time in several years, messengers had no debates on such questions as acceptance of federal aid for Baptist institutions, or release of an institution to a private, self-perpetuating board.

In a series of resolutions, messengers commended efforts of national leaders to end hostilities in Southeast Asia, urged rejection of efforts to support private institutions with public funds, and advocated efforts to include more qualified women, blacks, Mexican-Americans, youth and representatives of small churches on all Texas Baptist boards and committees.

Other resolutions called for individual, corporate and governmental concern over pollution, and expressed deep concern over the widespread

abuse of drugs and alcohol, and voiced continued opposition to liberalizing liquor laws in Texas.

A special posthumous award went to David M. Gardner, editor of the Baptist Standard from 1944-54. Gardner died at age 85 just before the convention convened.

Two Sentenced For Murder Of Alabama Bible Salesman

DADEVILLE, Ala. (BP) — Two 17-year-old youths were sentenced to 30 years imprisonment each here after pleading guilty to the murder of the son of Southern Baptist missionaries who was selling Bibles in Alabama to raise funds for a seminary education.

Jimmy Lorenzo Hicks and Ramon Silmon, both of Camp Hill, Ala., had been charged with the murder and robbery of Tom C. Hollingsworth II, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Hollingsworth, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina for 22 years.

Hollingsworth, 24-year-old student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, was found dead by hunters north of Camp Hill, Ala., in a wooded area so dense that search planes flying overhead could not spot his car only 200 feet away. He had been missing since June 27.

Police sources said his head had been bashed in by a blunt instrument, and the Bibles he had been selling in the area were scattered around the woods.

Sheriff James T. Farrow said that the two youths who pled guilty to the murder had promised Hollingsworth they would purchase Bibles from him if he would drive them to their homes so they could pick up money to make the payments.

Instead, they forced him to stop the car in the woods, robbed him of \$9.07, and killed him, the sheriff charged.

Hollingsworth, a foreign missions volunteer, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth. At the time, the parents were in Bellair, Tex., on medical furlough from their assignment in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Born in Fort Worth, Hollingsworth grew up in Gatesville, Tex., and was graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Hicks and Silmon, both 17, were first charged with first degree murder, but the charges were reduced to second degree murder when they said they would plead guilty.

New Zion Plans Veterans' Memorial Service, Nov. 12

New Zion Church, Braxton, in Simpson County, will for the first time have a Veterans' Memorial Service during worship hour, Sunday morning, November 12. The service will honor and pay respect to all deceased veterans of all wars from New Zion Church and community.

After morning service flags will be placed on the veterans' graves. "This will be an annual event," says the pastor, Rev. R. G. Stewart.

Names In The News

Harrisville Church has called Pete Bates, pictured, as music director. Pete, a student at Mississippi College, goes to Harrisville from Byram Church where he served as youth director and director of bus ministry. Pete and his wife, Pat, began their ministry at Harrisville on October 29. Rev. J. A. McCain is pastor at Harrisville.

Janet Abernathy has joined the staff at First, Biloxi as preschool director. She was formerly on the staff at Calvary, Jackson. Her previous experience also includes having served as an elementary director, kindergarten director, organist, and youth director in other churches.

Native of Foxworth, she is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. Miss Abernathy, who has served as a faculty member at Ridgecrest Assembly in the children's building, will be in charge of the Kindergarten - Day Care program at the Biloxi Church, as well as assuming other preschool responsibilities. Rev. Frank W. Gunn is pastor at Biloxi.

Center Ridge To Honor Pastor Miller On His 25th Anniversary There

On the second Sunday in November, Nov. 12, Center Ridge Church, Kemper County, will honor their pastor, Rev. F. H. Miller, on his twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of their church.

Following the morning services, dinner will be served in the dining hall of the church. This event will also mark the retirement of Miller from the active pastorate, after 48 years of faithful service in the ministry. Former members and friends are invited to these services.

Rev. and Mrs. Miller will continue to make their home in Porterville, Ms.

New BSU Center Is Proposed At Co-Lin JC

The Baptist Student Union Advisory Committee of Copiah - Lincoln Junior College, Wesson, has proposed a three - year plan to build a \$100,000 BSU Center on campus.

The center has been in the planning for several years. Architect plans show the building to be 50' by 90' and to include an assembly and classroom combination with a seating capacity of 187. An adjoining recreation room and lounge would seat 120.

A library - council room, along with kitchen, storage area, restrooms, and a work room, prayer room, director's office, and a reception room are included in the plans.

A brochure telling of the need of the center has been mailed, according to Rev. Roy Smith, BSU director. Supporting letters in the brochure are from Billy B. Thamess, president, Co-Lin; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director, Department of Student Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rev. Ken Stringer, pastor, Wesson Church and pastor advisor of the BSU; Burlan Walker, director of public information, Co-Lin; Bill Folkes, administrative assistant, Co-Lin; and Jeff Fortenberry, layman, Wesson.



Heuck's Retreat Dedicates Education Building

Heuck's Retreat Church, Brookhaven, held a dedication service October 18 for their new educational building. The red brick, all - electric structure has nine classrooms, large assembly room, and restrooms. When construction began in August, the \$19,000 cost was already on hand. Building Committee, left to right: Steve Smith, Randolph L. Smith, chairman, Mrs. Shelton Richardson, Mrs. R. D. Free, Rev. Victor Johnson, pastor, Carl Hutson, L. B. Herring. Not pictured, Robert Smith and Perry Spencer. The outdoor dedication service was led by Pastor Johnson. Steve Smith, Sunday School director, led the prayer of dedication.

Mike Smith, pictured, is the new music director at Trinity Church, Fulton. Native of Tupelo, he is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College. Upon graduation, he entered the Master's program in music at Mississippi College. During his college days he served as music director for Midway Church, Newton, and Westview Church, Jackson. Until recently, he served First Church, Crystal Springs, as director of music and youth. Along with his duties at Trinity he also is an associate with E. J. Daniels' Evangelistic Association of Orlando, Fla. Rev. Horace Thomas is the Trinity pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. Joel D. Ray of Hattiesburg were informed at the annual meeting of the Lebanon Association that they are to be the recipients of a tour to the Holy Land next summer, as a gift from the association. Dr. Ray has been superintendent of missions for the association for 14 years.

L. Cleveland Quarles, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to South America, died at his home in Richmond Oct. 27. He would have been 87 Nov. 1. Quarles, a native of Henrico County, Va., is survived by his widow, Clara, and a daughter, Mrs. Louise Cuttella of Richmond. He was one of the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Uruguay, where he served from 1913 to 1929. Then he taught in the Baptist theological seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, until retiring in 1950.

Cliff Temple Church (Adams) on Oct. 29 gave to 19 persons perfect attendance pins. Those receiving pins for five years or more were: Mrs. Sallie Simmons, 5; David Simmons, 6; Trenton Simmons, 6; Clyde Simmons, 7; Terri Simmons, 8; Ariene Simmons, 8; and Randy Simmons, 8. Rev. Bryant Hazle is pastor.

Mrs. Frankye Manning, pictured, city clerk and tax collector of Drew, was recently elected "The Lady of Achievement" by the Business and Professional Women's Club at their annual banquet in Drew. Mrs. Manning is active in both civic and religious work. She is a member of the Drew Baptist Church where she is a member of the choir and active in her Sunday school class, and is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman, Division of Fine Arts, Mississippi College, has been named to the Board of Examiners of the National Association of Schools of Music. Dr. Lyall is one of only thirteen NASM administrators, representing various regions and various types of institutions, invited to serve on the board. There are 276 member schools in NASM. He will attend a special training

school for examiners in Minneapolis, Minn., on Saturday, Nov. 18.

James Holcomb, Director of Marketing Services for the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, has been appointed a permanent delegate to the Advisory Committee of National Organizations to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Committee is composed of leaders in the public broadcasting field. It is designed to provide counsel and guidance in the work of public broadcasting.

A Southern Baptist missionary associate has been awarded a Chief of Chaplain's certificate for "spiritual and moral leadership rendered to United States Air Force personnel." James F. Humphries, pastor of the English - language Trinity Baptist Church, Saigon, accepted the certificate in ceremonies at Tan Son Nhut air base. A similar award went to the Rev. Henry Forest, a Catholic chaplain. Humphries was commended for his "inestimable assistance to the total chapel program of Tan Son Nhut air base in acting as the liaison between the local civilian churches and the Tan Son Nhut chaplaincy, and for his assistance to Air Force chaplains in their numerous humanitarian and orphanage programs."

Doug Kelum, missionary journeyman in Vietnam, should have first class mail addressed to Baptist Mission, Adv. Tm. 1, FRAC, APO San Francisco 96349. Other mail should be sent to P. O. Box 134, Danang, Vietnam.



Thomas Hall, Delane Hatcher, and Dexey Davis were ordained as deacons at Dumas Church, Tippah County, on October 29. Rev. Harry Phillips, associational missionary, brought the charge to the candidates. Rev. Billy W. Baker, pastor, brought the charge to the church. Rev. Ronny Mitchell led in the ordination prayer. Rev. Danny Bullock led in a special prayer for the new deacons and wives. Pictured, left to right, are Pastor Baker, and the new deacons, Hall, Hatcher, and Davis.

Rev. Homer G. Lindsay, Sr., senior pastor at First Church, Jacksonville, Fla., and his wife are this month celebrating their 32nd anniversary of service with the Jacksonville church. Their son, Rev. Homer G. Lindsay, Jr., has been pastor of the church for the past four years.

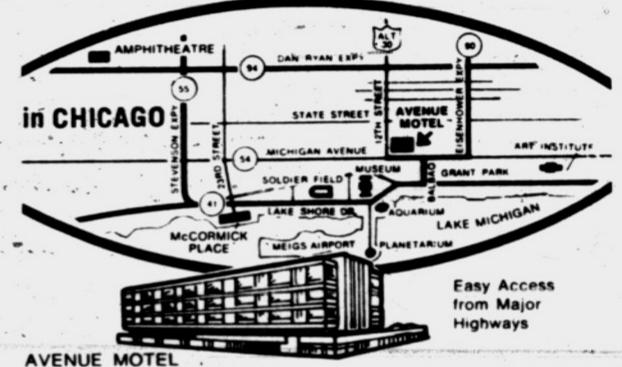
Rev. George W. Puckett of Raleigh, Miss., has resigned as minister of music at Hiland Park Church, Florida, to accept a similar position at First Church, Port St. Joe. Mr. Puckett was a cattle and chicken farmer and also worked for a feed company at Raleigh for ten years before going to study music at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. He expects to graduate in May, 1973. Mrs. Puckett was Patricia Ann Martin, of Pearl, Mississippi. They have three children.

Louise Sparkman, missionary to Nigeria, is currently on medical leave in the States (address:

2940 NE 10th St., Ocala, Fla. 32670). (When appointed in 1960, she was youth director at First Church, Columbus, Miss.)

John A. Ishee, editor of the church training department's adult curriculum materials, has been named editor of pastoral ministries materials at the Sunday School Board. He is a native Mississippian.

Louis C. Jones is the new music director at Hanging Moss Church, Jackson. A graduate of Central High School, Jackson, and of Mississippi State University, he received a Master of Business Administration at Mississippi College. Former deacon and choir member at Broadmoor, Jackson, he helped produce a film, "To God Be The Glory," on the history of Broadmoor. He is an officer and branch manager in a Jackson bank. The pastor of Hanging Moss Church is Dr. Robert Perry.



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Sunday School Lesson: International

Development Of Nationalism And Internationalism

Isaiah 45:1-6; Amos 9:1-8; Jonah; 1 Timothy 2:1-4
By Clinton J. Allen

The subject of this lesson confronts us with another area involving serious issues in our changing world.

The developing nationalism is a movement with tremendous potential for good or evil. Internationalism, which has become a dominant factor in the modern world, is an inevitable development of immigration, trade, exploding population, and scientific achievements which have brought relationships of interdependence. The Bible passages chosen for study emphasize that all nations are under God, that no nation can claim unconditional election, that even a pagan nation or pagan ruler may be made the instrument of God's purpose, and that we are to pray for world rulers that they may serve the ends of God's purpose for man.

The Lesson Explained

A NATION, GOD'S INSTRUMENT

Israel was God's chosen nation. But the people broke their covenant relationship, which led to God's judgment and their captivity in Babylon. Then came the message of the prophet, beginning with Isaiah 40, to declare God's purpose of restoration. It was the providential purpose of God that raised up Cyrus, gave him victory over nations, and brought him to his position of world power. More particularly, it was God working through Cyrus that caused him to initiate a charitable policy toward con-

quered peoples and thus grant to the Jews the opportunity to return to their homeland. The writer says that God's purpose was to bring the knowledge of God to the whole earth. God is not limited in the measures he devises for blessing or for judgment. The might of a world power may be the medium of judgment, or of deliverance and restoration.

ALL NATIONS UNDER GOD

(Amos 9:7-8)

Amos declared that the election of Israel had not been without condition. God had indeed delivered Israel from the land of Egypt; he still held them responsible. They had broken their covenant relationship, and they would have to suffer the consequences of their wickedness. But God likewise controlled the destinies of other na-

tions, the Philistines and the Syrians and others. All nations are meant to be his servants to glorify him and to do his will. The people of Israel had no reason to feel that God was playing favorites or that he would not act in judgment. In the sight of God, Israel was like Ethiopia. Israel could not defy God's sovereignty or presume on his mercy without receiving the consequences. However, God would preserve a remnant. He would not utterly destroy the house of Ja-

cob. A sifting of the truly elect would make possible their preservation and their ultimate restoration.

PRAYER FOR WORLD RULERS

(1 Tim. 2:1-5)

The admonition from Paul to Christians, to accept their responsibility to pray for persons in positions of authority, is of great importance. Continuing intercession is to be made behalf of all men, but the apostle stressed prayer for those in the highest places of authority. Prayer for world rulers is with a view of their being the instruments of God to contribute to a quiet and peaceful life, to godliness and honesty. The unchang-

ing desire of God is that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of truth. To this end he sent his Son into the world to be the Mediator between God and man. A Christian is enabled to look out upon his world, with desire that the barriers between men and nations shall be broken down, and with concern that all people everywhere shall enjoy the blessings of a quiet and peaceable life and, even more, the blessings of the goodness of God in Christ.

Truths to Live By

The Christian perspective is the clue to a healthy nationalism and internationalism. — Apart from the insights of the Christian gospel and the basic principles which ought to motivate Christians, we really have no workable solution to problems in these areas. The Christian perspective recognizes a unity that transcends national boundaries and cultures, a unity that expresses the oneness and interdependence of all people of all nations. It recognizes the greater need of some nations and the obligation of the strong to help the weak.

Selfish nationalism is spurious patriotism. — True patriotism will support justice for all people.

The shape of the future must encompass understanding and concern for all the peoples of the world.

Dr. Northcutt To Speak To S'western Alumni

Jesse J. Northcutt, pictured, dean of School of Theology and professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary, will speak at the annual meeting of the seminary's Mississippi alumni association on November 15.

The group will meet in the dining hall of Alta Woods Church in Jackson at 12:30 p.m. for lunch. The meeting is being held during the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Charles Myers of Jackson serves as president of the Mississippi alumni association and will preside at the meeting.

Southern Seminary Alumni To Meet In Baptist Building

Mississippi alumni of Southern Seminary will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 12:00 noon in the Sky Room of the Mississippi Baptist Building in Jackson.

John McDonald, pastor of Robinson Street Church, Jackson, and Mississippi Alumni president, has announced that Ernest J. Loessner, pictured, dean of the School of Religious Education, will be the seminary's official representative on the program. Dr. Loessner, who first joined the seminary faculty in 1953, is a frequent contributor to Southern Baptist periodicals and has served as a director of Sunday School clinics in cooperation with the SBC Foreign Mission Board in Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Italy, Israel, Hong Kong, and Japan.

N. O. Alumni To Meet At Calvary

The Mississippi Chapter of New Orleans Seminary Alumni will meet at Calvary Church, Jackson, Wednesday, November 15 at 12:30. Program personalities will include Dr. Malcolm O. Tolbert, pictured, Professor of New Testament and Greek, New Orleans Seminary; Dr.

and Mrs. Clinton Nichols of the University of Southern Mississippi; Alan Catoria, minister of music, Temple, Hattiesburg.

Officers of the Mississippi Alumni this year are president, Rev. Kermit D. McGregor, pastor, Temple, Hattiesburg; vice-president, Rev. Louis Smith, pastor, Briarwood, Jackson; and secretary, J. T. Hannaford, minister of music, First, Moss Point.

There was another time when he had to learn this lesson of obedience. Two years ago when he and his wife were expecting their fourth child, something went wrong in delivery and the baby girl was stillborn. That was a real testing because his father had passed away only a year earlier. Inside he said, were stirrings of rebellion, this time against the Almighty who had such power over life and death. It was a long rebellion. Deep down he knew that strength came through his faith. When he prayed, there came peace and comfort. "The Lord was Lord." Out of this acceptance has come gratitude for all. He has given me a career doing what I like most — playing football, a wife and three children whom I love very much," Staubach said.

The story of Jacob could well be called, "Rough Road to Obedience." He learned the hard way that God's way is the best way. All of the experiences of Jacob led him to the point where God was able to transform the supplanter into one whose name was Israel.

Jacob met his match in his Uncle Laban. The one who had tricked Esau into giving up his birthright was tricked into the marriage with the wrong girl. At Haran, Jacob fell in love with Rachel, the younger daughter of Laban. For seven years he worked for the right to have Rachel's hand in marriage. On the wedding night, Leah the older daughter was placed in the place of her younger sister. When it was too late, the trick was discovered. Laban agreed for Jacob to marry Rachel if he would agree to work for him another seven years. This experience proved a valuable lesson to Jacob that taught him he was not self-sufficient.

The night of prayer proved to be a spiritual struggle. Jacob started getting things right between himself and God. Jacob could no longer manipu-

late man or God. Therefore, he yielded to the blessing that God could give him in complete transformation. The evidence was the change of his name. Jacob had wanted God's blessing so much that he was willing to follow God's leadership. As Roger Staubach said, "The Lord was Lord." We can only find the grace to face our brother when we have grace of God in our lives.

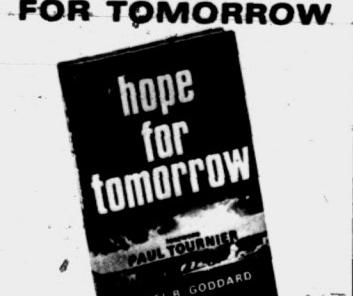
Are you a supplanter or a trickster? Have you discovered that God cannot be manipulated? Then your faith can transform your life and your relationship with other people.

The bitter and the sweet each led Jacob to the point of complete submission in faith. Rachel died in giving birth to Benjamin. Then Leah had no rivalry.

The trip toward home for Jacob was saddened because of the necessary encounter with Esau. Would Esau be mad? Would he try to kill Esau? In order to face his brother, Jacob arranged for the safety of his family. He then sent presents and words of flattery. When he had done everything that he knew to do, Jacob spent a night in prayer, confessing that he was not worthy of God's steadfast love.

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Devotional

**When Does Salvation Come,
And For How Long?**

By B. F. Smith, professor emeritus, William Carey College
My sheep heard my voice . . . and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish (John 10:27 f.).

Here salvation (eternal life) appears as an everlasting gift of God through Christ at a particular time. But elsewhere in the New Testament there are statements that give concern to some.

My father, not a Baptist, used to close his grace at meals in these words: "... and save us in heaven, for Christ's sake. Amen." As I grew older, I wondered if he meant that no one is saved until he reaches heaven. Jesus did say, "He that endures to the end shall be saved" (Mark 13:13).

Again, perhaps salvation is a process. For there is the statement in II Peter 1:5-7 that the Christian is to add to his faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. Three verses later Peter adds: "give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never perish." Might one perish if he never develops these qualities? Surely the process would take time. Paul said to the jailer: "Believe and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). When does the "thou shalt" take effect?

So three possibilities loom before us: salvation is at a point in time, a process to be completed in a period of growth, or a reward for endurance at the end of life. Each view has its followers. Which is correct?

Let us look briefly at the Scriptures supporting each option. The jailer's sudden change in attitude toward Paul and Silas and his willingness to be baptized indicate that he was saved the moment he believed. As to enduring to the end, might not this be a quality of one who is saved rather than a condition of salvation? Note that Peter was writing to Christians (1:1). Was he urging something to give them a sense of assurance, not something to qualify them for salvation? And if salvation is a gift to those who hear the Shepherd's voice, as John quotes Jesus as saying, it is a present reality, not contingent on endurance as if given with strings attached. (See Eph. 2:8-10).

Shall we conclude, then, that salvation, depending on how we use the word, is all three—an act, a process, a hope. The moment I believe, I cross the line into eternal life, forever out of danger. I am saved from the power of sin. As I grow in grace, replacing wrong attitudes and practices with Christlike behavior through the Spirit's cleansing power I am being saved from the effects of sin. In heaven at last, where nothing corrupt or corrupting can ever enter, when all testing is over, I shall be saved from the presence of sin. Salvation, in all these meanings, is truly God's "un-speakable gift."

Next week: Salvation on God's Terms

**Lincoln Countians
Commend Businesses
That Respect Sundays**

Lincoln County Association in session October 19-20 at Union Hall and Montgomery Churches adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas there is increased laxity in the observance of the Lord's Day; whereas there is a growing tendency among businesses to remain open on Sunday, and increasing pressure applied to other businesses to do like-

wise; Therefore, be it resolved that we the Lincoln County Baptist Association, express our disapproval of those businesses and Christians who desecrate the Lord's Day by using it for profit and pleasure.

"We commend those businesses and Christians who refuse to bend to the pressures of the time, but who continue to show respect for the Lord's Day by declaration and demonstration. We urge all businesses and Christians to recognize and to reaffirm the Fourth Commandment ("Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy" — Exodus 20:8)."

Layman Invites Marion County Preachers To Breakfast

On October 25, 19 preachers of the Marion County Baptist Association gathered in the home of Harry Slocum, Sr. for a fellowship breakfast. The breakfast was a tribute to the preachers of the county by Mr. and Mrs. Slocum, who have always expressed a great fondness for preachers.

The breakfast was arranged and organized through the Slocums' pastor, Rev. C. Lonnie Earnest of New Hope Church (Marion), presently serving as the Program Chairman of the Marion County Baptist Conference.

"Several weeks ago 'Uncle' Harry shared with me, his pastor, the desire to have all the Baptist preachers of Marion County in his home for breakfast. Having had breakfast in his home two or three times a week for the past 1½ years, I knew that this was a sincere request and it was my desire to see it granted," states Mr. Earnest.

"In all of my ministry I have never found a home as receptive to the preachers of the gospel as this home. It seems to me that the Slocums consider it the highest honor to prepare and to serve men who are serving the Lord," continues Earnest.

The Slocums are members of New Hope Church, Foxworth. The church



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has a membership of better than 600 members and the Slocums are known to all as "refuge for those who need refuge. No strangers enter the door who are not made to seem as family within a few moments."

Harry Slocum served as the Justice of Peace of Beat 4 (Marion County) for some 28 years. During this time many people have said of "Uncle Harry" that "he has given away a

fortune, due to his tender heart, for the needs of all who are in need." This becomes very evident as more than 200 friends are on hand the first Friday of every December to honor Uncle Harry at a birthday supper. "This is the largest birthday gathering I have ever been privileged to enjoy and engage in," states Pastor Earnest.

"The Slocums will never be forgotten for their generosity and love expressed dynamically in so many ways to all the people of Marion County and particularly to those of the New Hope community. Their friendship not only be an inspiration, but a challenge to all of us to understand what the Lord meant when He said, 'It is more blessed to give than receive,' he continues.

Riverside Baptist Association Holds Unusual Meeting

Various exhibits of Baptist life and work, including an exhibit from the Baptist Bookstore in Jackson, were features of the annual meeting of the Riverside Baptist Association held Oct. 9-10 at Clarksdale Baptist Church.

Visiting speakers were Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, president, and Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Executive Committee, both of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as several state Baptist leaders.

Special music by the Clarke College choir, under direction of James McElroy, was also a highlight of the program which helped to account for a record attendance of 400, according to Rev. Lucius Marion, Clarksdale, moderator.

**Resolution Expresses
Appreciation For
The Late M. D. Reagan**

First Church, Carthage, has adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for the loyal, dedicated Christian services rendered by the late M. D. Reagan. Mr. Reagan died November 12, 1971, at the age of 70. Many of his years were spent in providing leadership for the development and expansion of First Church, Carthage.

Since he became a member of the Carthage church on Feb. 8, 1931, he had served in many positions of leadership, including chairman of deacons, trustee, member and chairman of the Pulpit Committee, member and chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, leader in the building program of the church, leader of the Annual Forward program, Training Union adult leader, Brotherhood leader, Sunday School leader, Sunday School superintendent.

"He dedicated himself, both his time

and money, to the missions work, and financial support of all programs of this church," the resolution stated.

"He was recognized throughout the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention as a lay leader, and attended practically all Brotherhood meetings and activities, promoted and directed state meetings such as World Missions Rallies, Baptist Men's Annual Conferences, and annual Brotherhood Rallies, was a faithful member of the Baptist Men's Conference Planning Council for several years, and was instrumental in the development of support of and participation in all of the Brotherhood programs, but more especially that of the Pioneer Missions emphasis of the Brotherhood work including lay missions in Arizona, Montana, Hawaii and Spain as a member of the Laymen's Crusade."

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Through this organization, women have a vital part in educating spiritual leaders who will reach around the world in their witness for Christianity.

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**Members Of Former Pastorates
Honor Retired Pastor Butler**

Sturgis Church was the setting for a surprise birthday party for Rev. Simon Dero Butler, retired minister, on a recent Sunday. Mr. Butler, former pastor of Sturgis, was honored on his 77th birthday by members of several former pastorates.

At the close of the morning service, musicians and choir members broke into the strains of "Happy Birthday." A shocked Butler who maintains an active interest in his church, was escorted to the pulpit by the pastor, Rev. Robert Jackson, who announced that Butler was being recognized as "King for a Day!"

Tributes and expressions of appreciation were brought by Mrs. W. D. Long, E. Dale Jackson, and Mrs. Jack Quinn, who represented various pastorates of the church. Mrs. L. E. Hamill presented a bound volume of personal letters that had come from members of Sturgis, Morgan Chapel, and Wake Forest churches in Oktibbeha County, and Berea and Concord churches in Attala and Choctaw counties.

The special event was concluded by the presentation of a worthy offering of love to the speechless minister.

Special guests of the day were members of the Butler family, including Mrs. Emily Butler, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Butler and family of Route 3, Starkville, and Mrs. Beth Martin and children of Mobile, Alabama.

**Revival Dates**

Ridgecrest Church, Jackson: revival in progress this week, November 5-10; Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor at Ridgecrest since 1967 preaching; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, husband - wife evangelistic team from Yazoo City, conducting the musical portion of the revival with special numbers, as well as choir and congregational singing; services at 7:30 p.m.

Crestwood, Jackson: November 12-17; Rev. Edgar Jackson, Beulah Church, Pensacola, Florida, evangelist; Bob White, former member of Crestwood, now of First Church, Russellville, Kentucky, singer; Rev. Carl Hill, pastor; services at 7 p.m.

Franklin Creek Church, Pascagoula: Nov. 6-12; full - time evangelist Glen Savell, preaching; Bobby Powers, pastor.

**REVIVAL
RESULTS**

East Moss Point Church, Moss Point: 19 professions of faith; full-time evangelist Glen Savell of Pascagoula, preaching; Bill Parham, of Traveler's Rest, South Carolina, music director; Jerry Scott, pastor.

Southside Church, Quincy, Florida: Marion McKinley, pastor; 11 professions of faith; full - time evangelist Glen Savell, preaching.

Off The Record**It's a Good Question**

He: "Why does a woman say she's been shopping when she hasn't bought a thing?"

She: "Why does a man say he's been fishing when he hasn't caught a thing?"

In Texas it gets so hot, people put ice cubes in their shoes to keep the corns from popping.

Two caterpillars were crawling across the grass when a butterfly flew over them. They looked up, and one nudged the other and said: "You couldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars!"

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